

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Charging Policy

With Christ at the centre, we live, love and learn together, reaching out to all.
Together, with Jesus, we can do it!



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1 Introduction

1.1 This document is a statement of the aims, principles and strategies in respect of charging for School Activities.

1.2 This policy will be reviewed from time to time to ensure compliance with legislation and to reflect the decisions of the Governing Body.

1.3 Where education is provided wholly or mainly during school hours, it is provided free of charge.

1.4 Where supplementary activities are offered, which are not part of the syllabus, then charges may be made.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 The headteacher or Governing Body may ask parents for voluntary contributions towards:

2.1.1. Any activity which takes place within school hours

2.1.2. School equipment

2.1.3. School funds generally

2.2 When organising school trips, events or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip or event. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

2.3 If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

2.4 The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'.

This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums and places of interest;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- musical events.

3 Residential visits

3.1 The school organises a residential trip each year for Year 6 children. Parents/Carers have to pay for the cost of the trip, but are given eight months notice and are provided with the facility to make weekly contributions towards the costs. The school subsidises the cost of residential trips and transport.

4 Music tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum.

Year 6 children receive weekly flute/clarinet and tenor horn lessons whilst Year 5 receive weekly ukulele lessons and are provided with an instrument. We do not charge for this.

5 Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2 during the summer term. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. There is no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place. The school pays for transport to and from the venue.

6 Club Activities

6.1 Extra-curricular clubs operate at various periods during the academic year. There is no charge for these activities run by the school staff. Where external providers are used, children are charged at a pre-agreed rate.

7. Breakfast Club

7.1 The school has a breakfast club provision and a daily rate of £2.50 is charged per child and £2.00 for any sibling within the family.